

OPINION 1110

MICROTERYS THOMSON, 1875 (HYMENOPTERA:
CHALCIDOIDEA): CONSERVED UNDER THE PLENARY
POWERS

RULING.- (1) Under the plenary powers, the generic name *Sceptrophorus* Foerster, 1856, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The generic name *Microterys* Thomson, [1876] (gender, masculine), type-species, by subsequent designation by Ashmead, 1900, *Encyrtus sylvius* Dalman, 1820, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2064.

(3) The specific name *sylvius* Dalman, 1820, as published in the binomen *Encyrtus sylvius* (specific name of type-species of *Microterys* Thomson, [1876]), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2643.

(4) The generic name *Sceptrophorus* Foerster, 1856, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1), above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2092.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.) 2033

An application for the conservation of the generic name *Microterys* Thomson, [1876] by the suppression of its senior synonym *Sceptrophorus* Foerster, 1856, was first received from Dr D. Rosen (*Hebrew University, Rehovot, Israel*) on 22 January 1973. It was sent to the printer on 29 January 1973 and published on 10 October 1973 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 30: 108–111. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the prescribed serials and to nine entomological serials.

The application was supported by Dr D.P. Annecke and Dr G.L. Prinsloo (*Plant Protection Research Institute, Pretoria, South Africa*), Dr Paul DeBach and Dr Harold Compere (*University of California, Riverside, California, USA*), Dr T. Tachikawa (*Ehime University, Japan*), Dr Oswald Peck and Dr Carl M. Yoshimoto (*Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, Canada*), Dr Charles Ferrière (*Geneva, Switzerland*) and Dr Z. Bouček (*Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, London*). No adverse comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 22 November 1977 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (77)21 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 30: 110–111. At the close of the voting period on 22 February 1978 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes - sixteen (16) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Eisenmann, Alvarado, Vokes, Sabrosky, Tortonese, Welch, Bayer, Corliss, Starobogatov, Cogger, Dupuis, Heppell, Ride, Nye

Negative Votes - Mroczkowski

Leave of Absence - Bernardi.

Late affirmative votes were received from Brinck and Habe. No votes were returned by Binder, Kraus and Willink.

In returning his negative vote, Dr Mroczkowski remarked: "As the generic names *Sceptrophorus* Foerster, 1856 and *Microterys* Thomson, [1876] are only subjective synonyms, the senior name should not be suppressed and placed on the Official Index. In my view, the 'relative precedence' procedure is safer [see Nye, *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 30: 141 and Mroczkowski, *Bull. zool. Nom.* in press]".

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Microterys Thomson, [1876], *Scandinaviens Hymenopteren*, vol. 4: 155

Sceptrophorus Foerster, 1856, *Hymenopterologische Studien*, vol. 2: 38–39

sylvius, *Encyrtus*, Dalman, 1820, *K. Vetenskaps Akad. Handl.*, (1) vol. 20: 154.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (77)21 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1110.

R.V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

25 April 1978